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2603rd MEETING

Held in New York on Wednesday, 21 August 1985, at 3.30 p.m.

President: Mr. Oleg Aleksandrovich TROYANOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

Present: The representatives of the following States: Australia, Burkina Faso, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Madagascar, Peru, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2603)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The question of South Africa

The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Russian*): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of August, I should like to pay a tribute, on behalf of the Council, to the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Mr. Guennadi Oudovenko, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of July. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing deep appreciation to Mr. Oudovenko for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The question of South Africa

2. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from Russian*): I should like to draw the attention of members of the Council to the following documents: S/17382, letter dated 5 August 1985 from the representative of Senegal to the Secretary-General; S/17384, letter dated 5 August from the representative of Japan to the Secretary-General; S/17391, letter dated 9 August from the representative of Indonesia to the Secretary-General; S/17398, letter dated 12 August from the representative of Uruguay to the Secretary-General; S/17402, letter dated 15 August from the representative of Brazil to the Secretary-General; S/17405, letter dated 16 August from the representative of Senegal to the Secretary-General; S/17406, letter dated 19 August from the representative of Thailand to the Secretary-General; and S/17407, letter dated 19 August from the representative of India to the Secretary-General.

3. As a result of consultations held among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The members of the Security Council, deeply alarmed by the worsening and deteriorating situation of the oppressed black majority population in South Africa since the imposition of the state of emergency on 21 July 1985, express once again their profound concern at this deplorable situation.

"The members of the Council condemn the Pretoria régime for its continued failure to heed the repeated appeals made by the international community, including Security Council resolution 569 (1985) of 26 July 1985 and, in particular, the demand made in that resolution for the immediate lifting of the state of emergency.

"The members of the Council condemn the continuation of killings and the arbitrary mass arrests and detentions carried out by the Pretoria Government. They call, once again, upon the South African Government to set free immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners and detainees, first of all, Mr. Nelson Mandela, whose home has lately been subjected to an act of arson.

"The members of the Council believe that a just and lasting solution in South Africa must be based on the total eradication of the system of *apartheid* and the establishment of a free, united and democratic society in South Africa. Without concrete action towards such a just and lasting solution in South Africa, any pronouncements of the Pretoria régime can represent nothing more than a reaffirmation of its attachment to *apartheid* and underline its continuing intransigence in the face of mounting domestic and international opposition to the continuation of this thoroughly unjustified political and social system. In this context, the members of the Council express their grave concern at the latest pronouncements of the President of the Pretoria régime."

4. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 4 p.m.

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